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Delegates Chosen Saturday.

Delegates were chosen Saturday by the Democratic voters in mass meeting at the court house to attend the county convention to day at Higginsville, where 12 delegates were chosen to represent Lafayette county at the senatorial district convention held at Warrensburg, Thursday, December 29th, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention, at the election January 31st.

The delegates to Higginsville were: A. W. Wilcox, Mrs. A. W. Wilcox, Mrs. F. G. Young, H. F. Blackwell, G. C. Wright, Wm. Aull, Jr., Dr. Z. M. Williams and B. C. Drummond.

The Lexington Township delegates were instructed to work and vote for W. J. Gresham as delegate to the constitutional convention.

Lafayette N. Gordon Dead.

A telegram was received here Tuesday morning announcing the death of Lafayette Gordon, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gordon, at a hospital in St. Louis, Monday, December 26th. The body was brought to Lexington for burial, reaching here Wednesday evening, and was taken to the home of Mrs. Nannie C. Steele. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in Machpelah.

Commandery Elects Officers.

De Molay Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar held its annual election Tuesday night and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

W. L. Groves, Eminent Commander.

H. C. Chiles, Generalissimo.

J. K. Leiter, Capt. General.

W. T. Wernwag, Senior Warden.

A. J. Chalkley, Junior Warden.

W. R. Eckle, Prelate.

F. Lee Wallace, Treasurer.

J. C. Shelton, Recorder.

Will Irwin to Speak.

Will Irwin, one of the world's most noted correspondents will speak at the University of Missouri auditorium at 4:15 p. m., January 16, during Farmers' Week. Mr. Irwin's subject will be "The Next War." He is recognized as one of the ablest lecturers in America today and farmers will find his address intensely interesting.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Loomis of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. Loomis's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loomis, in this city.

Our Boy

Lafayette, was born early on Christmas morning 1886, a big bouncing, fine looking young fellow, our first-born; our hearts almost leaped with joy as we saw him in swaddling clothes that bright, crisp Sunday morning. As days and weeks and months and years went by our hearts were made to throb with gladness and joy. As a boy he was true as steel, always absolutely dependable, never evading the truth but always on the spot to lay bare the absolute facts in any little controversy or mischief which fall to the lot of boys. As a young man he was spotless in his dress and was always groomed just right. He had a high sense of honor and was always square and upright in his dealing with his fellow men.

He worshiped his mother as few young men do. I'm certain he thought she was just right, and was always for her in everything, never losing sight of the fact that in his opinion she was the queen of all women. He was most considerate of her feelings and wishes and loved to come home often and put his strong arms about her waist and implant upon her cheek that kiss which alone can be implanted by a woman's offspring.

As a man he was courageous and honorable to the extreme. He never did a dishonest act. I'm certain, in all his life; a man of fine physique, strong in body and mind, he carried himself with that manly poise which attracts the passer-by and won the admiration and praise of his acquaintances.

He was one of the most kind-hearted, loving husbands I have ever known and he and his loving wife were pals. I don't think I ever knew husband and wife who more thoroughly adored and loved each other than did he and his sweet, young wife, who has stood so nobly by him in his year and a half affliction. He is gone but he lived just such a life on this wicked and sin-cursed earth that we may all say, the world is better because he lived in it. He is gone, but his loving companionship and bright face and gentle smile will be greatly missed by his tender, loving wife, his broken hearted father and mother, his sorely stricken brothers and by his many mourning friends; but let us all look forward to that day when we will be called upon to pass through this same dark valley of death and meet him in the skies and walk with him the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. Good bye, my boy, may

REDUCED FARES JAN. 16-20.

Round Trip For Farmers' Week at Fare-and-a Half.

Missouri railroads have just announced a flat round-trip rate of fare and one-half available to all persons attending Farmers' Week at the Missouri College of Agriculture, January 16 to 20. The minimum round-trip fare recognized in this agreement is one dollar. Farmers' Week visitors will buy round-trip tickets at their home station and thereby realize a considerable saving.

Tickets at this rate go on sale Saturday, January 14, and are good for the returning trip as late as Saturday, January 21. The dates of Farmers' Week are January 16 to 20.

Appropriations For M. U. Released.

The entire amount of \$760,000 appropriated for new buildings for the University of Missouri by the fifty-first session of the General Assembly has been released by Governor Hyde, and the University has been authorized to proceed with its building plans as originally made, says an announcement made recently from the office of the acting president, Dr. J. C. Jones.

Work on the plans for the various buildings will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The \$150,000 for the new power plant released September 23 and the contract let for the construction of the building as planned. The letting of contracts for the other buildings provided for has been delayed until the remainder of the funds were released.

Following are the new buildings provided for under the \$760,000 released recently:

Women's Building, \$150,000; Extension of Home Economics Building, \$25,000; New Agricultural Building, \$200,000; New Chemistry Building, \$125,000; Rebuilding Mechanic Arts Building, \$50,000; Beef Cattle Barn, \$25,000; Extension to Medical Building, \$35,000; New Power Plant, \$150,000.

Wallace Crossley Was Nominated.

The following were chosen delegates Tuesday at the Democratic county convention at Higginsville, to the senatorial district convention which met in Warrensburg yesterday. This convention nominated Wallace Crossley of Warrensburg, after 105 ballots. Lafayette, Johnson and Cass each had a candidate but compromised on Crossley.

The delegate to Warrensburg:

Kemp Tracy, Edw. Felgate, Wm. Walker, Edw. Handley, L. J. Slusher, Harry B. Steele, J. B. Hereford, G. L. Johnson.

Delegates at large: Wm. Renick, Earl Lyons, B. C. Drummond, Mrs. Ewing.

Corbin-Ross.

Leslie John Corbin of Higginsville, and Miss Effie Lee Ross of Corder, were married Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. Robt. L. Cowan officiating.

Siglach-Barker.

Wm. Siglach and Miss Ella Barker, both of Odessa, were married Wednesday in the office of the probate judge, Judge S. N. Wilson officiating.

we all meet you on the other shore.

John P. Gordon.

The Release of Debs.

Mr. Harding and his advisers haven't been able to find, at least they don't give, even a colorable reason for releasing Eugene V. Debs. He was convicted on evidence he admitted to be truthful, as he did the perfect fairness of all his trial for violating the Espionage act by attempting to incite insubordination, disloyalty and mutiny in the army and navy, by obstructing and attempting to obstruct recruiting and enlistment, and by language meant to incite resistance to the United States and to aid its enemies in the war. He did all in his power to injure his country and to further the victory of its armed foes.

If he had been a mere ordinary murderer, the radicals and the swarm of sentimentalists wouldn't have lifted a finger for him. His crime was far worse and more dangerous. He sought to murder the State. At once the loose lips of the sentimental squad overflowed with words. The Rev. Cream Cheeses, 'the weekly organs of nursery revolution, the miscellaneous small fry of weak heads and leaky lachrymal ducts, and the whole Socialist Party worked their hardest to deliver from the jail that he was sanctifying this martyr of "free speech." Mr. Wilson was obdurate. Mr. Harding is made of gentler stuff. Unrepentant, triumphant, Debs emerges, bright with his prison halo, to continue his beneficent labors as "a flaming revolutionist" and "a Bolshevik."

To him, in spite of his unrepentant guilt, attaches the respect due to a brave and constant man. Why should justice be weak and this great criminal strong? The apologia from the White House is curious. Though admittedly guilty,

he was by no means, however, as rabid and outspoken in his expressions as many others, and but for the prominence and far-reaching effect of his words very probably might not have received the sentence he did.

Debs's speech at the Ohio Socialist State Convention, June 16, 1918, was sufficiently rabid and outspoken, wasn't it? His position made him the most conspicuous and dangerous violator of the law. If he hadn't deserved the ten years' sentence, he wouldn't have got it—that is what the naive passage quoted amounts to. With holy simplicity the apologia continues:

He is an old man, not strong physically. He is a man of much personal charm and impressive personality, which qualifications make him a dangerous man calculated to mislead the unthinking and affording excuse for those with criminal intent.

Debs is 66. Apparently only robust criminals should be imprisoned. The country has reason to be a little suspicious of ailing prisoners. Their health is sometimes miraculously restored when they get out. This man is dangerous. Therefore release him. This tiger is a man-killer. Let him loose. Singular apologia!

At last a few drops of milk are squeezed from the coconut:

Under all the circumstances it was believed that the ends of justice would be sufficiently met and it would be a gracious act to release this prisoner.

The ends of justice are met by defeating them. After two years and eight months of imprisonment in a jail where he seems to be regarded as saint, prophet and prize exhibition,

IN 1922

The engineer keeps his hand on the throttle, and a sharp eye ahead. Business pilots have to do the same thing, or there may be a wreck. The lull in trade puts you on your mettle, and you must needs WORK HARDER, FIGHT FAIRER, and THINK CLEARER than you have ever done before. This should be a time of thorough preparation for the business revival that is bound to occur.

Our section is not the hardest hit by any means. Many sections are having to absorb larger losses, and yet with the proper determination they can 'come back.' The outlook for 1922 is encouraging.

BEST WISHES FOR THIS NEW YEAR

LEXINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Debs comes out to begin again.

His release is notice to all persons that the United States will not seriously punish the most perilous assailants of its safety and life. At the worst, they will only have to be immuned for a little while. Then, if their friends make hubbub enough, a gracious act of mercy will open the doors of the prison.

Egg-nogg was a more harmless form of "Dickens Christmas Book spirit" than this gift of freedom to noxious criminals. The majority of the American people will not approve this commutation. A shallow, howling, whining majority has had its way. Another case of Burke's grasshoppers and the cattle under the oak.—N. Y. Times.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bishop announce the birth of a daughter Saturday, December 24, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Meunch announce the birth of a son Saturday, December 24, 1921.

Marriage Licenses.

A marriage license has been issued to the following:

John A. Taylor.....Johnson City, Ill.

Audrey L. Rhodes.....Corder

Wm. Siglach.....Odessa

Ella Barker.....Odessa

Rev. Coleman Eckle of Dewar, Okla., and Rev. J. Preston Cole of Braggs, Okla., arrived Saturday to spend Christmas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Eckle.

No Time to Waste.

'Twas a dark and stormy evening. (They always are). It was a new sentry on post. (It usually is.) The relief, shattering all precedents, hove in sight, but never a challenge came from the guard. The corporal, halting the relief, strode up to him.

"Hey, you," he demanded angrily, "why the blinkety-blank didn't you halt us?"

"Halt you the devil!" snapped back the sentry. "You're half an hour late as it is!"—Legion Weekly.

Leave It to Dad.

"Mother?"

"Yes, dear."

"Tell me a fairy story before I go to sleep; will you?"

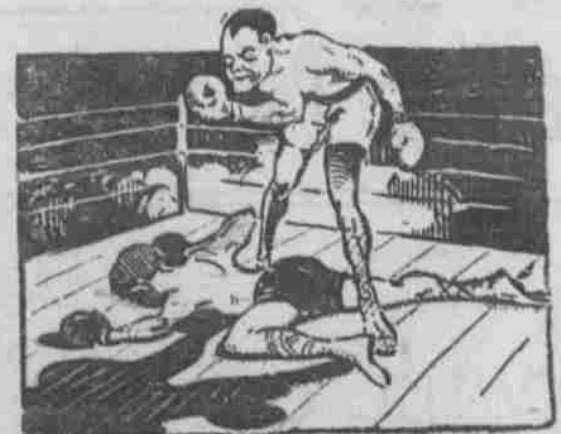
"Wait till your father comes home, dear, and he'll tell us both one."—Ex.

Too much space is being devoted to Eugene V. Debs. He has always been a nuisance and in all probability he will live and die true to form.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stonestreet of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Tucker and two daughters of Sedan, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Glascock and son, Walter, Jr., spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Glascock.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence G. Peak went to Excelsior Springs Wednesday morning for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hoffman announce the birth of a son, December 27, 1921.



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In our business of selling Lumber, we always try to do two things—give a man a little better Lumber than he can get elsewhere, and charge him no more than he would have to pay elsewhere for Lumber not so good. We find it easier to hold old customers than to make new ones. How about you? Are you wholly satisfied? Let us make you an estimate on your next bill. Large or small—no matter which. We will appreciate the smallest order and give you the same care, consideration and attention that the largest buyer gets.

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"THE YARD THAT SAVES AND SATISFIES"

LAMBERT LUMBER COMPANY
JOHN J. PRICE, Manager.

The New Year

This bank wishes you a Happy New Year. If the past year has been bad, let us make the coming year better!

If the past year has been good, let us make the coming year better still!

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